

Brotherhood Event Set At South High School

The Torrance Human Relations Council is participating with other South Bay groups in sponsoring the ninth annual Brotherhood Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of South High School.

Frank Stanley, executive director of the Greater Los Angeles Urban League, will be featured speaker at this observance of Brotherhood Month. Entertainment also is planned.

Other organizations helping to plan the dinner are the Palos Verdes Fair Housing Council, Harbor Human Relations Council, San Pedro Neighbors, South Bay Fair Housing Council, and the Centinela-Bay Human Relations Committee.

THE PROPOSED South Bay Regional Fair Housing Coalition will be the regional arm of the Metropolitan Fair Housing Division, Housing Opportunities Center of Greater Los Angeles, which operates under a grant from the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Tickets may be obtained until Feb. 5 from Mrs. Max Kelly, 18407 Haas Ave., Mrs. David Hall, 20327 Regina Ave., or members of the Torrance Human Relations Council.

Two Weeks Left in Run Of Showcase's 'Harvey'

By CHARLES BRILES

The most unfortunate thing about Showcase Theatre's current production of "Harvey" is a feeling of seeing the production two weeks before the opening instead of two weeks after. The double set design (Larry J. Hyter, Gene Warech) and construction (cast and crew) are excellent, but the performance lacks the fluidity and the directorial hand needed for the smooth comedic play that "Harvey" should be.

A delightful Pulitzer Prize winner by Mark Chase, "Harvey" centers around Elwood P. Dowd and his imaginary six-and-a-half foot white rabbit friend, Harvey. At the beginning, Dowd's sister, Veta Mae Simmons, and niece, Myrtle Mae Simmons, with the help of a family friend, Judge Omar Gaffney, decide to have Dowd committed.

The fun begins when Veta Mae is mistakenly committed by a young and inexperienced Dr. Lyman Sanderson. All is eventually

righted and the play's ending is somewhat of a surprise.

THE PLAY, directed by Paul Smith (who also appears on stage as an actor), is missing the tempo and pacing that could have kept everyone holding his sides with laughter. The show did earn some well deserved laughs, but they were few and far between.

Joe Dalrymple as Dowd has a very nice, easy style that adds warmth to his character and makes you like him and his rabbit friend immediately. Melba Abbott (Veta Mae) also has some very good moments on stage, however, a little more volume and surety would have helped her performance. Dan Kubick, even though he is miscast age-wise, is very good as the judge.

Charlene Thompson (Nurse Ruth Kelly, R.N.) is an attractive girl with a good stage quality that more experience can only enhance. The over-zealous home attendant, Duane Wilson (Smith the actor now), who all but attacks Veta Mae after she is committed, is good, but appears to be trying to pull the show together in many of his later scenes as the rest of the cast groped for lines. Harry Smith (Dr. William R. Chumley, M.D.) who could have been excellent, was the worst line missing offender with long pauses between his speeches as he tried to remember them. The remainder of the cast, unsure or awkward at times, needed that extra directorial polish for a good performance.

ALL IN ALL, the problem in "Harvey" is due to the fact that director Smith did not provide his cast with good blocking, personal business, interpretations and such basic acting skills as "holding" for audience reac-

Other possible good moments in the show were lost by splitting the audience's focus and causing them to miss the valuable funny parts.

Smith did do some updating of the show by casting a perhaps realistic hippie (Bob Zinkow) as the soft hearted do-gooder cab driver and also effectively using the music of the Beatles and The Jefferson Airplane's recording of "White Rabbit."

Showcase Theatre is located at 13752 S. Prairie Ave. "Harvey" plays weekends through Feb. 1.

Firefighters Note Injuries

Firefighters lead all occupations in death from heart disease, and are second only to miners in accidental death from all causes.

In an annual survey of job connected accidents, it was determined that firefighters suffered 55 per cent more accidental deaths per 10,000 workers than police. Injuries were suffered by 82.5 per cent of all firefighters, 9.9 per cent of those being lost time injuries.

Manager Explains 1967 Social Security Changes

"The Social Security law has added greater protection to widows and children in our local community," Miles A. Davis, manager of the Torrance district office, said today.

"Prior to the 1967 amendments, a widow, stepchild, or dependent widower could not qualify for monthly social security payments unless the marriage to the worker lasted a year," Davis explained. "Under the amendments the benefits can be paid. In addition to this change in the duration of marriage requirements, if the worker dies an accidental death or dies while on active duty in the Armed Forces, the marriage need have been of only three months duration. Stepchildren of the wage earner also qualify un-

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